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**R.B. No. 182\_ *AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE UTILITY STATUTES***

The proposed bill revises a wide variety of utility statutes. We support this proposed bill.

We are especially supportive of the provision in section 15 that permits the DPUC chairman to appoint a designee to serve on behalf of the department as a member of a board or council created to facilitate state or regional initiatives with respect to matters affecting the public interest in connection with utility regulation and services, including, but not limited to, issues on climate change, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, regional planning and low-income energy assistance. This approach should facilitate a more orderly and thoughtful reflection of the DPUC's knowledge and expertise into these important energy matters, while still preserving the independence of the DPUC to ultimately rule on matters that come before it.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this bill.